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10/613,371

Examiner

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The reply filed 13 December 2007 is acknowledged.

1. ☐ The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

a. ☐ The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).

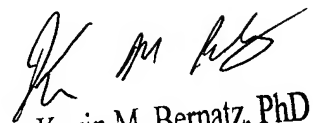
b. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief.
See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).

2. ☐ The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

Note: This paragraph is for a reply filed in response to one of the following: (a) an examiner's answer that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.39(a)(2)); (b) a supplemental examiner's answer written in response to a remand by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further consideration of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(a)(2)); or (c) a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(b)).

3. ☒ The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

4. ☒ Other: claim 2 is cancelled. Claims 1 and 3 are pending. The Appeal brief and Examiner's answer are now consistent with the pending claims under appeal.


Kevin M. Bernatz, PhD
Primary Examiner

The opinion in support of the decision being entered today
is *not* binding precedent of the Board

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte KAZUNARI MOTOHASHI

Appeal 2007-1681
Application 10/613,371
Technology Center 1700

Decided: August 31, 2007

Before CHARLES F. WARREN, PETER F. KRATZ, and
CATHERINE Q. TIMM, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WARREN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER REMANDING TO THE EXAMINER

Applicants appeal to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 through 3 in the Office Action mailed May 26, 2006 (Office Action). 35 U.S.C. §§ 6 and 134(a) (2002); 37 C.F.R. § 41.31(a) (2006).

We remand the application to the Examiner for consideration and explanation of issues raised by the record. 37 C.F.R. §41.50(a)(1) (2007);

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